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SENATE BILL 2486 By
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HOUSE BILL 2639
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, relative to the posting of certain announcements to inform persons of certain restrictions on the premises.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) An individual, corporation, business entity or local, state or federal government entity or agent thereof is authorized to prohibit the possession of weapons by any person otherwise authorized by §§ 39-17-1351 -- 39-17-1360, at meetings conducted by, or on premises owned, operated, managed or under control of such individual, corporation, business entity or government entity. Notice of such prohibition shall be posted or announced. If such notice is posted it shall be displayed in prominent locations, including all public entrances, shall be in English, and shall be at least six inches (6") high and fourteen inches (14") wide, stating:

PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 39-17-1359, THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF THIS PROPERTY HAS BANNED WEAPONS WITHIN THIS BUILDING OR THIS PORTION OF THIS BUILDING. A VIOLATION OF THIS PROHIBITION IS PUNISHABLE AS A CRIMINAL ACT UNDER STATE LAW AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.

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(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, reduce or eliminate any civil or criminal liability that a property owner or manager may have for injuries arising on their property.

(c) As used in this section "prominent locations" include, but are not limited to, all entrances to such property, any building or structure on such property, and restrooms, restaurants and parking lots.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.